

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AS SUBSTITUTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE III, SECTION 78-57, SUBSECTION (b), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING EXISTING FIRE INSPECTION FEES, FIRE PLAN REVIEW FEES AND FIRE PERMIT FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta is authorized to assess and collect fees for fire inspections, fire plan review, and fire permits pursuant to O.C.G.A., Title 25, Chapter 2, Sections 25-2-4.1 and 25-2-12.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta has an interest in maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta and its visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.C.G.A., Title 25, Chapter 2, Section 25-2-12, Subsection (a)(2) (“O.C.G.A. §25-2-12”) the City of Atlanta is authorized to enact legislation to regulate certain businesses and industries which could potentially affect the public health, safety, and welfare by requiring fire inspections, fire plan reviews, and fire permits; and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57 (“§78-57”), Subsection (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, entitled 105.6.47 (Fees) sets forth the schedule of fees regarding fire inspection, fire plan review, and fire permits (“Fees”) that the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department through the Fire Inspections Bureau shall charge for fire inspections; and

**WHEREAS**, certain fire safety inspections, plan reviews, and issues fire permits are not set out in the schedule of fees but are authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. §25-2-12 (a)(2) and City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances §78-57; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Inspections Bureau of the City of Atlanta Fire Department exists solely to perform fire safety inspections, plan reviews, and issues fire permits in compliance with O.C.G.A. §25-2-12 (a)(2); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has experienced significant growth since 2002 without any fee adjustments to fire inspections, fire plan reviews, and fire permit services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s cost to provide fire inspections, fire plan reviews, and fire permit services has increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to increase existing fire inspection, fire plan review, and fire permit fees and establish authorized fire inspection, fire plan review, and fire permit fees to recover the Fire Inspection Bureau's costs of these related services by imposing fees established by a fee study conducted by the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department and attached hereto as Exhibit 'A'; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the portion of Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57, Subsection (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta ("City"), entitled 105.6.47 (Fees) (attached hereto as Exhibit B) be entitled "Fire Inspection and Operational Permit Fees."

**SECTION 2:** That the portion of Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57, Subsection (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta ("City"), entitled 105.6.7 (Fees) subsection (a) be amended to add a new section entitled "Fire Inspection Fees" which shall read as follows:

*Section 105.6.47 Fees.*

- (a) The fire chief of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department or his designee is authorized to charge and collect fees, on a yearly, one time or location basis for the issuance of permits or activities including storing of certain materials that constitute fire hazards for which permits are required by the Fire Prevention Code, and certain activities not requiring a fire permit shall be in accordance with the following schedule of charges.

In addition to the annual fees described in city ordinance §105.6.47, a \$25.00 **processing** fee shall be charged.

(a) **FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION FEES:**

A. **Existing Occupancies**

In accordance with O.C.G.A. §25-2-12 (2) fire inspection shall be performed in order to issue permits or authorize occupancy as required. The annual fees therefore shall be as follows:

- i. There shall be an *inspection* fee of \$50 for a business having up to 3,000 square feet.
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- v. **There shall be an inspection fee of \$350 for High-rise structures up to 70,000 square feet.**

- vi. ***There shall be an inspection fee of \$450 for high-rise structures more than 70,001 square feet.***

**SECTION 3:** That the portion of Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57, Subsection (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta ("City"), entitled 105.6.47 (Fees) subsection (a) be amended to add the following increased fees to the exiting Operational Fee Schedule which shall read as follows:

**OPERATIONAL PERMITS:** Operational permits are required to conduct certain operations or businesses. In addition to Fire inspection fees, operational fees may be required for certain activities as listed. Multiple operations performed at the same location shall be charged a single inspection fee pursuant to §105.6.47 (a)(1). However, each operation shall be individually accessed permit fees and may incur cumulative fees. These fees shall not apply to structures that are exempt pursuant to O.C.G.A. 25-2-12(2).

Permit approvals subject to site inspection. **The minimum fee for any activity not listed shall be \$50.00**

	PERMITS		
Flammable and combustible liquids ( R)	Tank storage--\$.036 per gallon of flammable liquid or combustible liquid ; (per tank)	4.50	
Places of public assembly	Permit for occupant load-- \$42.00, <u>plus \$0.42 per area permitted:</u>	42.00	222.00 = <u><b>528 persons; eliminate maximum restriction.</b></u>
<u>Special hazard building &amp; structures</u> ( R) (place of public assembly)	Buildings presenting special hazards to persons or property per O.C.G.A. § 25-2-13	<b>\$50.00</b>	
LPG or LNG ( R)	<u><b>Tank storage: \$0.036 per gallon of LP or LNG liquid (per tank)</b></u>	4.50	
<u><b>Exhibit &amp; Trade Shows</b></u> (NR)	<b>Plan review to include: Trade shows, exhibitions, displays, contests, etc. Note: Fees required for each individual set of plans, includes site inspection. Activity not</b>	<b>79.00</b>	<b>79.00</b>

	<i>allowed in non-permitted facilities.</i>		
Tent/carnival (NR)	Per location; <u>200 up to 400 sq. ft = \$50.00</u> <u>401 - 1,500 sq. ft =</u> <u>1,501 - 3,000 sq. ft =</u> <u>3,001 - 6,000 sq. ft =</u> <u>6,001 - 9,000 sq. ft =</u> <u>More than 9,001 sq. ft =</u>	<u>\$100</u> <u>\$150</u> <u>\$200</u> <u>\$250</u> <u>\$300</u>	

**\*\* (R) = Renewable (NR) = Non-Renewable**

**SECTION 4:** That the portion of Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57, Subsection (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta ("City"), entitled 105.6.47 (Fees) (b) be amended to increase the Re-inspection fee and which shall read as follows:

- (b) Re-inspections Fee: A re-inspection fee of \$200.00 shall be imposed for each additional inspection if a violation(s) stated in the initial written notice has not been corrected.

**SECTION 5:** That the portion of Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57, Subsection (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta ("City"), entitled 105.6.47 (Fees) subsection (c) be deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION 6:** The amendments in this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the Mayor's signature.

**SECTION 7:** Should it be found that any ordinance or parts of any ordinance are in conflict herewith, then those sections contained herein shall be deemed controlling.

**EXHIBIT --(A) EXISTING FEE TABLE**

**Section 105.6.47 Fees.**

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Permit Classification	Basis of Determining Fee	Minimum	Maximum
		Fee	Fee
Aircraft hanger	\$66.00 per hanger (permit is not required for residential aircraft hangers)	\$66.00	\$132.00
Auto tire rebuilding	\$22.00 per buffing machine	22.00	180.00
Auto wrecking yard	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Junkyard	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Waste material handling	\$132.00	132.00	132.00
Bowling pin refinishing and lane resurfacing	\$42.00	42.00	42.00
Combustible fibers	100—500 cubic feet-\$22.00; 500+ cubic feet- \$13.00 per 1,000 cubic fee (Permit is not required for storage of less than 100 cubic feet.)	22.00	180.00
Compressed gases	Flammable: 200—1,000 cubic feet-\$22.00; 1,000+ cubic feet-\$13.00 per 1000 cubic feet.	22.00	180.00
	Nonflammable: 6,000—10,000 cubic feet- \$18.00; 10,000+ cubic feet-\$13.00 per 1,000 cubic feet. (Permit not required for less than 200 cubic feet of flammable gas or 6,000 cubic feet of nonflammable gas.)	18.00	180.00
Dry cleaning	Type II: \$35.00 per machine utilizing class II flammable liquids	35.00	180.00
	Type III: \$35.00 per machine utilizing 140 degrees F. liquids	35.00	180.00
	Type IV: \$35.00 per machine utilizing nonflammable liquids	35.00	180.00
Explosive dust operations	\$114.00	114.00	114.00
Explosives/blasting agents	\$90.00	90.00	90.00
Blasting permits	\$90.00 (per location) City wide permit\$156.00	90.00	156.00
Flammable finishes	Dip Tanks—\$42.00 per tank.	42.00	222.00
	Spray booths-\$42.00 per booth not exceeding 25 sq.	42.00	222.00

	ft.		
	\$66.00 per booth in excess of 25 sq. ft.	66.00	222.00
	Flow coat operations	66.00	66.00
	Electrostatic spraying	66.00	66.00
	Auto undercoating	66.00	66.00
	Power coating	66.00	66.00
	Organic peroxides coating	66.00-	66.00
	Duel component coating	66.00	66.00
Flammable and combustible liquids	Plan review—Tank removal Installation A/G and U/G;	66.00	66.00
Flammable and combustible liquids	Tank storage—\$.036 per gallon of flammable liquid or combustible liquid	4.50	\$132.00
	Drum storage	42.00	42.00
	Storage cans	42.00	42.00
	Other forms of combustible/flammable liquid storage	42.00	42.00
Fruit ripening process	\$42.00	42.00	42.00
Fumigation/toxic thermal insecticidal fogging	\$42.00 (per location) City wide permit—\$114.00	42.00	114.00
Garage repair	\$42.00, plus \$22.00 if permit is to include welding operation	42.00	66.00
Hazardous chemicals	Corrosives: 55—110 gallons—\$22.00; 110—500 gallons—\$42.00; 500+ gallons—\$66.00	22.00	66.00
	Oxidizing materials: 500—1,000 pounds—\$42.00 1,000+ pounds- \$66.00	42.00	66.00
	Organic peroxides: 10—50 pounds—\$22.00 50—100 pounds—\$42.00 100+ pounds—\$66.00	22.00	66.00
	Ammonium nitrate (fertilizer): 1,000+ pounds	66.00	66.00
	Highly toxic material and gases	66.00	66.00
	Radioactive materials—\$66.00 for any amount in excess sealed source or more than 1 milli curie radium or other radioactive material in a sealed source, or where license is required.	66.00	66.00
LP gases or LNG	Plan review for installation	66.00	66.00
	Tank storage: \$.036 per gallon of LP or LNG liquid	4.50	132.00
Lumberyards	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Woodworking plants	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Magnesium	Permit required for 10 pounds per day or greater	42.00	42.00
Oil burner	Permit required for fuel oil burners utilizing in excess of 25 gallons inside the building; 60 gallons outside the building.	42.00	42.00

<b>Ovens</b>	<b>Industrial baking \$22.00 per oven</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>132.00</b>
	<b>Industrial drying \$30.00 per oven</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>222.00</b>
<b>Places of public assembly</b>	<b>Plan review to include: Trade shows, exhibitions, displays, contests, etc. Note: Fees required for each individual set of plans</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>43.00</b>
<b>Places of public assembly</b>	<b>Permit for occupant load—\$42.00, plus \$0.42 per person</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>222.00</b>
<b>Site development</b>	<b>Plan review</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>43.00</b>
<b>Combustible material</b>	<b>2,500—5,000 cubic feet—\$42.00; 5,000+ cubic feet—\$22.00 per 1,000 cubic feet. (Permit not required for less than 2,500 cubic feet of combustible material)</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>114.00</b>
<b>Matches</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>66.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>
	<b>Storage: 25—100 pounds—\$22.00; 100+ pounds—\$42.00</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>
<b>Mechanical refrigeration</b>	<b>Refrigeration unit or system containing more than 20 pounds of refrigerant excluding air conditioning units or systems</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>
<b>Tar kettle</b>	<b>Per location—\$42.00 City wide permit—\$14.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>114.00</b>
<b>Tent/carnival</b>	<b>Per location</b>	<b>66.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>
<b>Welding</b>	<b>\$42.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>
<b>High piled combustible stock</b>	<b>1,500—5,000 sq. ft.—\$42.00 5,000+ sq. ft.—\$22.00 per 1,000 sq. ft. (permit is not required for less than 2,500 sq. ft.)</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>114.00</b>
<b>Organic coating</b>	<b>\$66.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>

(b)

A re-inspection fee of \$36.00 shall be imposed for each re-inspection if a violation stated in the initial written notice has not been corrected.

(c)

A fee of \$40.00 shall be imposed for each open records inquiry including: records of fire code violations, hazardous substance releases, installation or removal of above ground or underground storage tanks containing flammable or combustible liquids.

Exhibit B

# Fire & Life Safety Permit and Inspection Fee Structure Proposal

Atlanta Fire Rescue

Inspections Unit

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010



# Introduction/Executive Summary

- **Services provided by the Inspections Unit:**
- **Improvements/technology investment**
- **Impact on safety and criticality of the fees**
- **Expand services**

# Fire inspections unit annual operating cost: \$1.8 (M)

Personnel/Training			
#	Item	Unit cost	Amount
1	Captain (Sworn)	\$ 112,496	\$ 112,496
10	Lieutenants (Sworn)	\$ 97,447	\$ 974,473
9	Inspectors (General)	\$ 62,110	\$ 558,994
2	Admin Assistant (General)	\$ 62,533	\$ 125,066
8	NFPA Inspector I Test	\$ 350	\$ 2,800
8	Renewal Fee	\$ 150	\$ 1,200
8	Recertification Fees	\$ 150	\$ 1,200
12	State Fire Inspector training	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
<b>Total Personnel/Training</b>			<b>\$ 1,782,229</b>

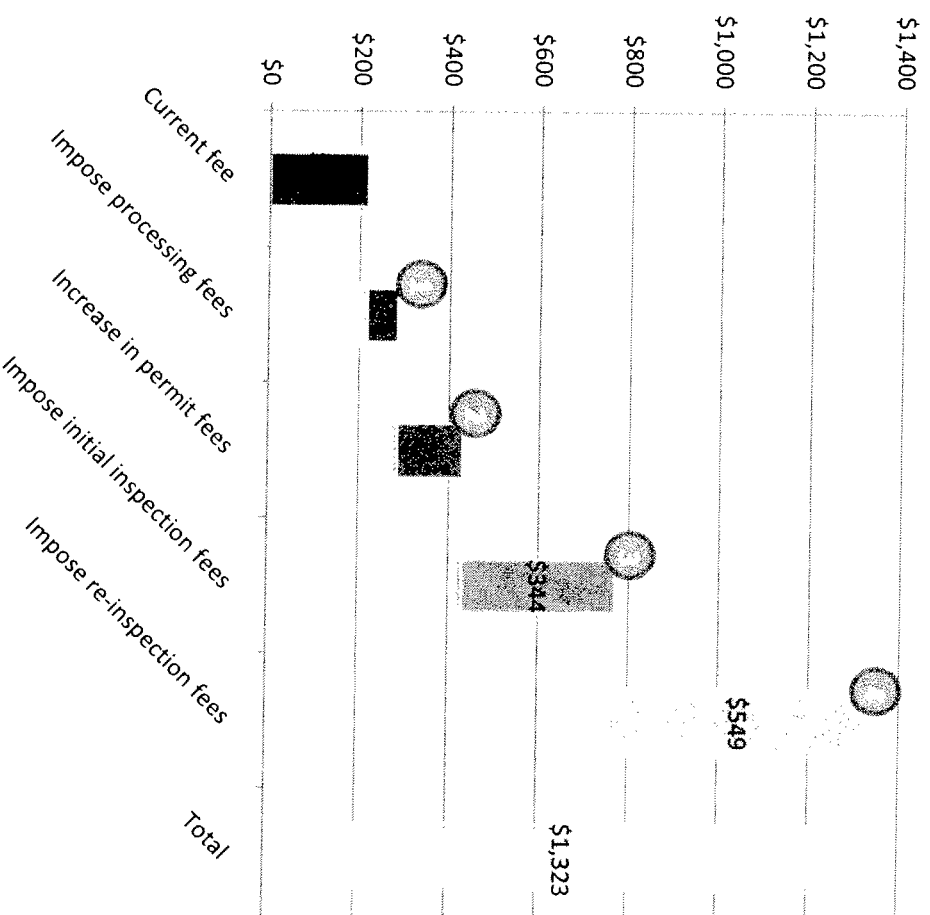
Operations		
Budget code	Description	Amount
5212001	Consultant	\$ 4,320
5234001	Printing & Binding	\$ 3,200
5237002	Training Registration	\$ 1,100
5311001	Consumable	\$ 2,081
5311002	Non-consumable	\$ 2,180
5316005	Computer (\$1,000-4,999)	\$ 17,906
5317003	Supplies, Small Parts	\$ 500
5510001	Motor Equip.	\$ 20,270
5510002	PM/Repairs	\$ 26,992
<b>Total Operations</b>		<b>\$ 78,549</b>

**Total budget \$ 1,860,778**

Source: 2009-2010 budget; Fire Inspection Unit Business Plan

# Four proposed changes to the Fire & Life Safety Inspection fee program can recover \$1M

Fire Inspection Unit fees by type (\$K)



## Current practice

- Fire Inspections Unit conducts inspections prior to issuing Fire Safety Permits
- Inspections Unit only charges for permit issuance, not for initial inspections or re-inspections
- Inspections Unit issued 2937 permits and charged for \$218K in 2009

## Proposed changes to permit/ inspection fee program

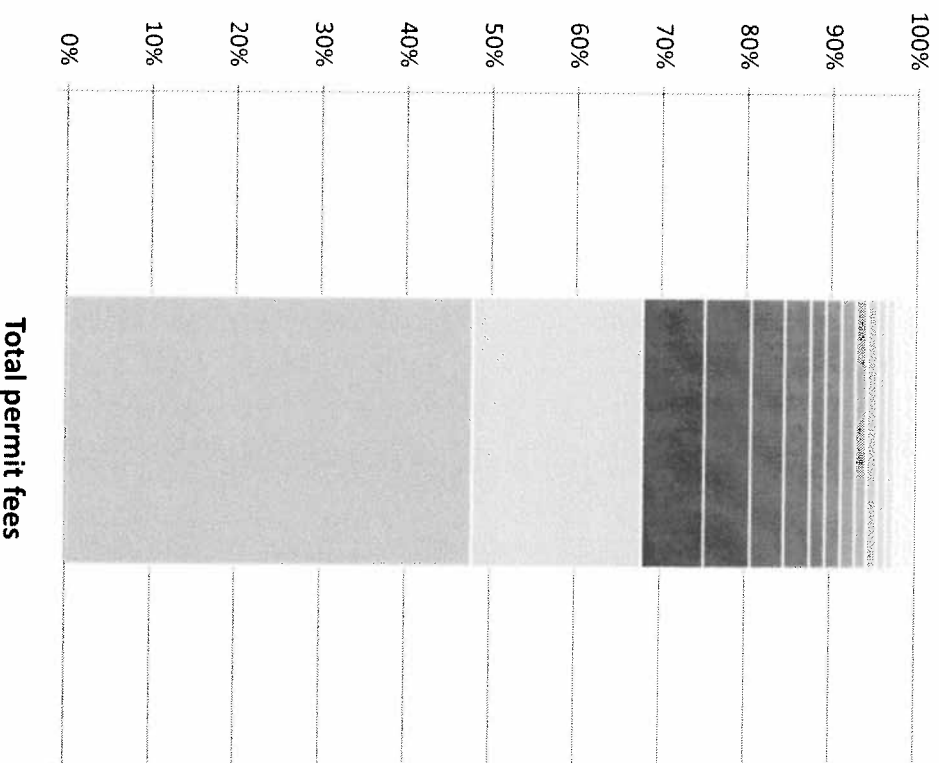
- Impose a \$25 processing fee per permit issued :
- Remove maximum fee cap and charge per unit (i.e. tank or event) for two permit types with highest revenue :
- Impose initial inspection fee for all inspections :
- *Increase re-inspection fees for violations not corrected after initial inspection to enhance public safety*

# Compare the old/new legislation

Permit Type	Existing Fee Schedule	Proposed Fee Schedule	Rationale
Public Assembly	Imposes a maximum fee of \$222.00 for a public assembly permit for a capacity up to 527 persons, with no distinction for events or facilities with greater capacity.	Removes maximum cap on public assembly permits and charge per area to minimize overcrowded conditions to enhance public safety.	100 out of 1001 public assembly permits issued in 2009 were assessed at the maximum fee for 523 people per event – this poses a public safety hazard for multiple locations/venue for each event and requires more detailed inspections
Tank Storage	Existing fee is based on capacity and imposes a maximum fee of \$132.00 on flammable liquid storage tanks at 3790 gallons . Approximately 35% of permits issued in 2009 were for tank capacities exceeding 3790 gallons.	Removes maximum cap on fuel storage fees by imposing a fee per tank or container to provide better hazard tracking, identification & reporting capabilities.	269 out of 580 tank storage permits issued in 2009 were assessed at the maximum fee of 3200 gallons per business – this presents a high hazard as each tank over capacity adds greater public safety concerns...

- Of the \$220K permit fees charged in 2009, Operational Permits (*Public Assembly, Tank Storage, etc.*) accounted for ~70%

Fire Safety Permit fees by type of permit:



Note: Permit type generating less than \$1,000 total in 2009 included in the Other category  
Source: 2009 Permit Record

- Removing maximum fee and charging per unit for *Public Assembly & Tank Storage* permits can increase cost recovery by \$145K

PLACE OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (may include permit endorsement for open-flames & candles)			
# of permits at max fee			100
% over capacity			75%
# of permits qualified for new fee			75
current max fee		\$	222
incremental fee per unit		\$	181
<b>FLAMMABLE LIQUID - TANK STORAGE</b>			
# of permits at max fee			269
% over capacity			75%
# of permits qualified for new fee			202
current max fee		\$	132
incremental fee per unit		\$	652
<b>total incremental revenue</b>		\$	131,445

Total permit fee increase

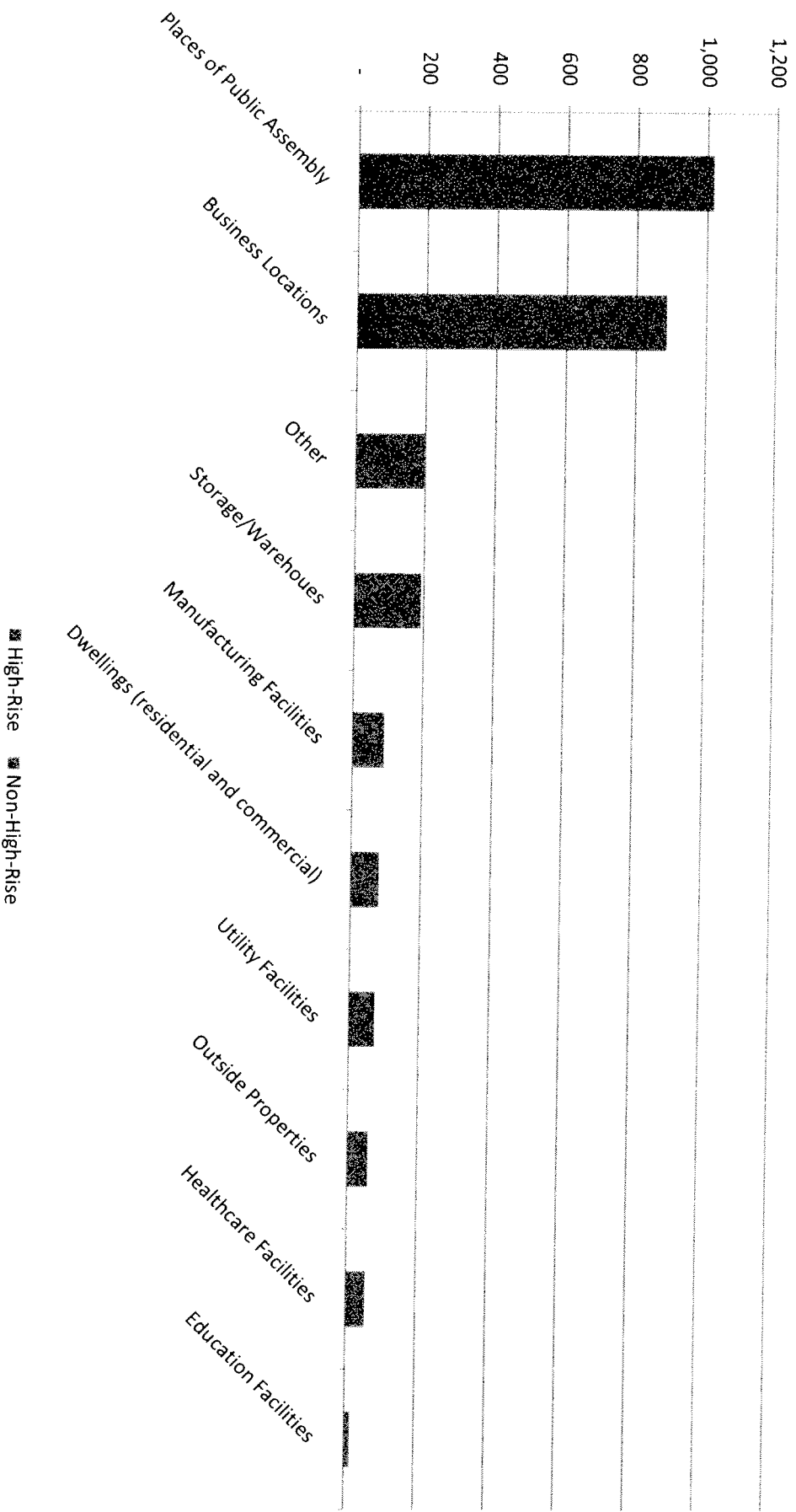
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Note: Assumed only 75% of current permits at max fee would need additional capacity; incremental fee per unit estimated with a sample of permit records

Source: 2009 Permit Record

# Inspections unit conducted 2,673 non-exempt initial inspections in 2009

# of initial inspections by Fixed Property Use



Source: 2009 Inspections Record

# Initial inspection fee of \$344K is assessed based on time required by property type

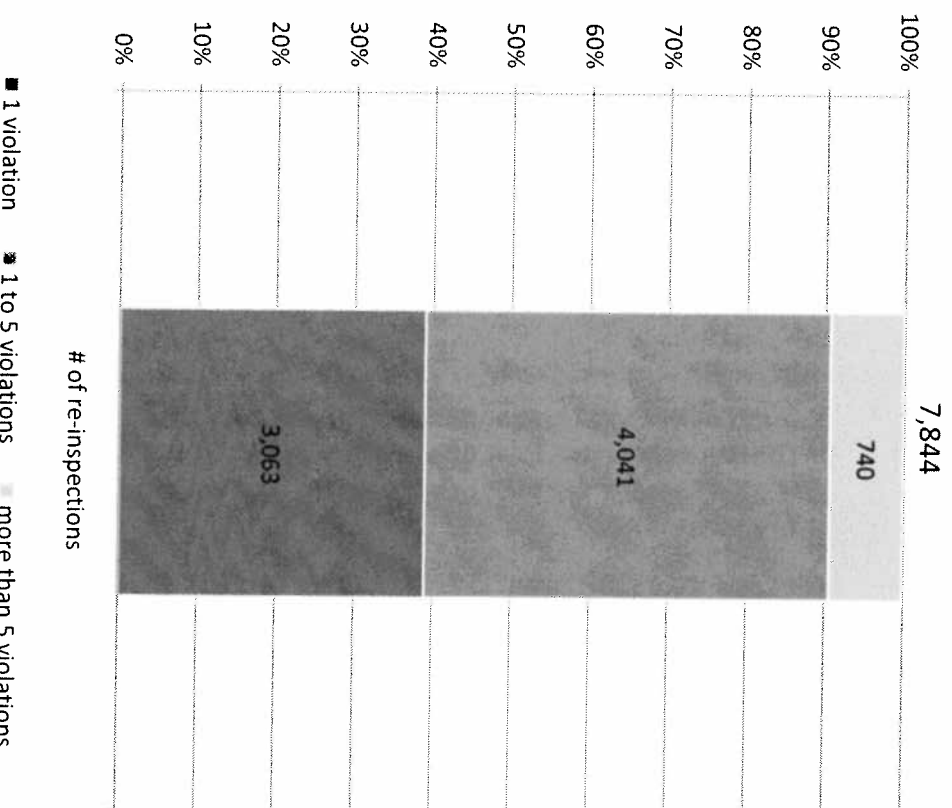
<u>Inspection time (hours) by fixed property use</u>	High-Rise	Non-High-Rise
<b>Business Locations (<i>special hazard/ high-rise</i>)*</b>	12.0	1.5
<b>Dwellings (residential and commercial)*</b>	10.0	1.5
<b>Education Facilities</b>	N/A	3.0
<b>Healthcare Facilities</b>	8.0	4.5
<b>Manufacturing Facilities</b>	N/A	4.5
<b>Other</b>	1.5	1.5
<b>Outside Properties</b>	N/A	1.5
<b>Places of Public Assembly (open flames &amp; candles)*</b>	2.0	2.0
<b>Storage/Warehouses</b>	2.5	2.5
<b>Utility Facilities</b>	2.0	2.0

Note: N/A denotes type of properties that do not have high rises



# Increasing re-inspection fees for fire code violations can increase cost recovery \$564K

Re-inspections by # of violations (2009)



- AFR conducted 3 re-inspections per each initial inspection in 2009
- Imposing a of \$200 per re-inspection if violations were not corrected (4 hours of labor) allows
  - AFR to resource properly for re-inspections
  - Encourage compliance of fire safety rules & regulations
  - Reduce community risk of fire hazards

Note: Does not include inspections at the airport or evening safety observations  
Source: 2009 Inspections Record

# Charging \$50 per hour will recover 71% cost of Fire & Life Safety Inspection Services

	Hourly rate = \$50	Hourly rate = \$75	Hourly rate = \$80
Current fees:	\$218,021	\$218,021	\$218,021
Permit processing fee (administrative):	\$66,825	\$66,825	\$66,825
Increase in permit fees:	\$145,056	\$145,056	\$145,056
Impose initial inspection fees:	\$343,743	\$515,614	\$550,897
Impose re-inspection fees:	\$549,080	\$823,620	\$879,979
Total anticipated <u>cost recovered/revenue</u> :	\$1,322,725	\$1,769,136	\$1,860,778
Cost Recovery Ratio:	71%	95%	100%

Total budget      \$ 1,860,778

# Appendix: hourly rate calculation

## Internal and External Overhead Charges

### Internal Charges

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Mid-range</u>
Fire Lieutenant	10	\$22.75
Fire Inspector's (Civilian)	9	\$22.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	

Average hourly rate

**\$ 22.56**

Total hourly expense including benefits

**\$ 35.95**

Benefits

59.33%

### External Charges

Budget Related Items

\$ 78,549

Technology fees

\$ 30,000

Overhead\*

\$ 248,762

Total external cost

\$ 357,311

Per inspector

\$ 18,806

# of work days

252

Per work day

\$ 74.63

Per hour

**\$ 9.33**

**Total:**

**\$ 45.27**

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B. **High-Rise Structures:**

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- ii. There shall be an *inspection* fee of \$400 High-rise 13 to 40 stories or less
- iii. There shall be an *inspection* fee of \$550 for a High-rise 41 stories or greater

2. **OPERATIONAL PERMITS:** Operational permits are required to conduct certain operations or businesses. In addition to Fire inspection fees, operational fees may be required for certain activities as listed. Multiple operations performed at the same location shall be charged a single inspection fee pursuant to §105.6.47 (a)(1). However, each operation shall be individually accessed permit fees and may incur cumulative fees. These fees shall not apply to structures that are exempt pursuant to O.C.G.A. 25-2-12(2).

Permit approvals subject to site inspection.

OPERATIONAL PERMITS			
Permit Classification	Basis of Determining Fee	Minimum Fee	Maximum Fee : Note ( <u>not including inspection</u> )
Aircraft hanger	\$66.00 per hanger (permit is not required for residential aircraft hangers)	\$66.00	\$132.00
Auto tire rebuilding	\$22.00 per buffing machine	22.00	180.00
Auto wrecking yard	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Junkyard	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Waste material handling	\$132.00	132.00	132.00
Bowling pin refinishing and lane resurfacing	\$42.00	42.00	42.00
Combustible fibers	100--500 cubic feet--\$22.00; 500+ cubic feet- \$13.00 per 1,000 cubic fee (Permit is not required for storage of less than 100 cubic feet.)	22.00	180.00
Compressed gases	Flammable: 200--1,000 cubic feet--\$22.00; 1,000+ cubic feet--\$13.00 per 1000 cubic feet. Nonflammable: 6,000--10,000 cubic feet- \$18.00; 10,000+ cubic feet--\$13.00 per 1,000 cubic feet. (Permit not required	22.00 18.00	180.00 180.00

	for less than 200 cubic feet of flammable gas or 6,000 cubic feet of nonflammable gas.)		
Dry cleaning	Type II: \$35.00 per machine utilizing class II flammable liquids	35.00	180.00
	Type III: \$35.00 per machine utilizing 140 degrees F. liquids	35.00	180.00

	OPERATIONAL PERMITS FEES CONTINUED.		
	Type IV: \$35.00 per machine utilizing nonflammable liquids	35.00	180.00
Explosive dust operations	\$114.00	114.00	114.00
Explosives/blasting agents	<b><u>\$100</u></b>	\$100	\$100
Blasting permits	\$100 (per location) City wide permit \$166.00	90.00	\$166.00
Flammable finishes	Dip Tanks--\$42.00 per tank. Spray booths--\$42.00 per booth not exceeding 25 sq. ft.	42.00 42.00	222.00 222.00
	\$66.00 per booth in excess of 25 sq. ft.	66.00	222.00
	Flow coat operations	66.00	66.00
	Electrostatic spraying	66.00	66.00
	Auto undercoating	66.00	66.00
	Power coating	66.00	66.00
	Organic peroxides coating	66.00-	66.00
	Duel component coating	66.00	66.00
Flammable and combustible liquids	Tank storage--\$.036 per gallon of flammable liquid or combustible liquid ; (per tank)	4.50	
	Drum storage	42.00	42.00
	Storage cans	42.00	42.00
	Other forms of combustible/flammable liquid storage	42.00	42.00
Fruit ripening process	\$42.00	42.00	42.00
Fumigation/toxic thermal insecticidal fogging	\$42.00 (per location) City wide permit--\$114.00	42.00	114.00
Garage repair	\$42.00, plus \$22.00 if permit is to include welding operation	42.00	66.00
Hazardous chemicals	Corrosives: 55--110 gallons--\$22.00; 110--500 gallons--\$42.00; 500+ gallons--\$66.00	22.00	66.00



	Oxidizing materials: 500--1,000 pounds--\$42.00 1,000+ pounds- \$66.00	42.00	66.00
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	OPERATIONAL PERMITS FEES CONTINUED		
	Organic peroxides: 10--50 pounds-\$22.00 50--100 pounds--\$42.00 100+ pounds--\$66.00	22.00	66.00
	Ammonium nitrate (fertilizer): 1,000+ pounds	66.00	66.00
	Highly toxic material and gases	66.00	66.00
	Radioactive materials--\$66.00 for any amount in excess sealed source or more than 1 milli curie radium or other radioactive material in a sealed source, or where license is required.	66.00	66.00
LPG or LNG	Tank storage: \$0.036 per gallon of LP or LNG liquid (per tank)	4.50	
Lumberyards	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Woodworking plants	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Magnesium	Permit required for 10 pounds per day or greater	42.00	42.00
<b><u>Fleet motor-fuel dispensing operations</u></b>	1-3 vehicles 4-6 vehicles 7-10 vehicles 11 or more vehicles	50.00 100.00 150.00 200.00	
Oil burner	Permit required for fuel oil burners utilizing in excess of 25 gallons inside the building; 60 gallons outside the building.	42.00	42.00
Ovens	Industrial baking \$22.00 per oven	22.00	132.00
	Industrial drying \$30.00 per oven	30.00	222.00
<b><u>Exhibit &amp; Trade Shows</u></b>	Plan review to include: Trade shows, exhibitions, displays, contests, etc. Note: Fees required for each individual set of plans, <i>includes site inspection. Activity not allowed in non-permitted facilities.</i>	79.00	79.00

Places of public assembly	Permit for occupant load--\$42.00, plus \$0.42 per area permitted:	42.00	
<b><u>Special Hazard Structures</u></b>	Buildings presenting special hazards to persons or property per O.C.G.A. § 25-2-13	\$50.00	\$150.00
Combustible material	2,500--5,000 cubic feet--\$42.00; 5,000+ cubic feet--\$22.00 per 1,000 cubic feet. (Permit not required for less than 2,500 cubic feet of combustible material)	42.00	114.00
Matches	Manufacturing	66.00	66.00
	Storage: 25--100 pounds--\$22.00; 100+ pounds--\$42.00	22.00	42.00
Mechanical refrigeration	Refrigeration unit or system containing more than 20 pounds of refrigerant excluding air conditioning units or systems	42.00	42.00
Tar kettle	Per location--\$42.00 City wide permit--\$14.00	42.00	114.00
Tent/carnival	Per location;  <u>Having up to 400 sq. ft = \$50.00</u> <u>401 - 1,500 sq. ft =</u> <u>1,501 - 3,000 sq. ft =</u> <u>3,001 - 6,000 sq. ft =</u> <u>6,001 - 9,000 sq. ft =</u> <u>More than 9,001 sq. ft =</u>	<u>\$100</u> <u>\$150</u> <u>\$200</u> <u>\$250</u> <u>\$300</u>	
Welding	\$42.00	42.00	42.00
High piled combustible stock	1,500--5,000 sq. ft.--\$42.00 5,000+ sq. ft.--\$22.00 per 1,000 sq. ft. (permit is not required for less than 2,500 sq. ft.)	42.00	114.00
<b><u>Open flames &amp; candles</u></b>	To use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments.	50.00	50.00

3. **CONSTRUCTION PERMITS:** *As authorized pursuant to O.G.C.A. 25-2-4.1 and City of Atlanta Code §78-57*, a construction permit allows the applicant to install or modify fire protection systems and equipment for which a fire permit is required by this section. Application for permit shall be made to the Atlanta Fire Department and shall be accompanied by plans for review. These fees shall not apply to structures that are exempt pursuant to O.C.G.A. 25-2-12 (2).

*These fees are separate and in addition to any Bureau of Building permit fees.*

<b>CONSTRUCTION PERMITS PLANS REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>TYPE OF PERMIT</b>	<b>PERMIT FEE (COMBINED PLAN REVIEW &amp; INSPECTION FEE)</b>	<b>SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>TENANT FINISH OR IMPROVEMENT</b>	\$100	1 - 10,000 sq. ft.	To obtain a construction permit to modify, change, or alter the interior of any commercial building.
	\$150	Over 10,000 sq. ft.	
<b>NEW BUILDING CORE &amp; SHELL OR BUILDING ADDITION</b>	\$100	1 - 10,000 sq. ft.	To obtain a construction permit to construct or add to the total area of any building other than single-family or two-family residences. Includes site inspections for 80% completion, 100% completion and one follow-up inspection if needed prior to opening.
	\$150	10,001 – 100,000 sq. ft.	
	\$200	100,001 – 150,000 sq. ft.	
	\$225	Over 150,001 sq. ft.	
<b>NEW PARKING STRUCTURE</b>	1/3 of New Building Fee	N/A	New parking structure built as part of new building complex.
	1/2 of New Building Fee	N/A	New parking structure built separately.
<b>SITE DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$100.00	N/A	New development activity to ensure emergency vehicle access in compliance with code.
<b>DEMOLITION</b>	\$100	N/A	To obtain a construction permit to conduct demolition operations.
<b>PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY</b>	\$75.00	N/A	Plan review for permit issuance to operate a room or areas as a place of assembly in compliance with life safety code. Note: Fees required for each separate set of plans

<b>CONSTRUCTION PERMITS cont'd</b>		
<b>FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>TYPE OF INSPECTION</b>	<b>INSPECTION FEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>FIRE PROTECTION UNDERGROUND FIRE LINE</b>	\$100	To perform inspections for 80% and 100% for approval to extend, modify, or alter an underground fire service main (underground fire lines).
<b>AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS 13, 13R &amp; 2001</b>	\$75	To perform inspections for 80% and 100% for approval for new automatic sprinkler system in a multi-family residence, hotel, business or commercial facility.
<b>FIRE PUMP</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install a fire pump.
<b>STANDPIPE</b>	\$100	To obtain a construction permit to install a standpipe system.
<b>FIRE ALARM SYSTEM NEW</b>	\$125	To obtain a construction permit to install or modify a fire alarm system.
<b>FIRE ALARM SYSTEM CERTIFICATION</b>	\$50.00 Annually	To ensure approved fire alarm systems are properly maintained and serviced. Prior to system being put in service an approved system certification is required to identify qualified service personnel responsible for system inspection, testing and/or maintenance. Fire alarm systems shall be inspected, tested & certified annually.

<b>EXIT/ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS</b>	\$ 50	To obtain a construction permit to install or modify an access control systems in all commercial occupancies.
<b>HOOD &amp; DUCT FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install a hood and duct fire extinguishing system for commercial cooking operations.
<b>FIRE HYDRANT</b>	\$100	To review and approve fire hydrant locations for water supplies.
<b>WATER TANKS FOR FIRE PROTECTION</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install water tanks for private fire protection in accordance with NFPA 22.
<b>VEHICLE ACCESS GATES</b>	\$50	To obtain a construction permit to approve emergency vehicle access gates.

<b>CONSTRUCTION PERMITS cont'd</b>		
<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONSTRUCTION&amp; INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>TYPE OF PERMIT</b>	<b>PERMIT FEE (COMBINED PLAN REVIEW &amp; INSPECTION FEE)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIAL</b>	\$250	To obtain a construction permit to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, close, or substantially modify a storage facility, regulated by the fire code when the hazardous materials in use or storage exceed the amounts listed
<b>AST OR UST REMOVAL</b>	\$100	To obtain a construction permit to remove, abandon or place temporarily out of service or otherwise dispose of a flammable or combustible liquid tank.
<b>AST OR UST INSTALLATION</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install, construct, or alter tanks or equipment used for storage of flammable or combustible liquids that are part of a motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility.
<b>BULK FUEL TANK INSTALLATION</b>	\$250	To obtain a construction permit to install, construct, or alter tank or equipment used for the storage of flammable or combustible liquids.
<b>FUEL DISPENSERS</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install and operate fuel dispensers.
<b>BATTERY SYSTEM (UPS)</b>	\$100	To obtain a construction permit to install a stationary lead-acid battery system having a liquid capacity of more than 100 gallons.
<b>COMPRESSED GAS SYSTEMS</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, close, or substantially modify a compressed gas system.
<b>LP-GAS INSTALLATION PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY</b>	\$125	To obtain a permit to install permanent LP-gas systems or containers permanently, or for a period of less than six months.

<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONSTRUCTION &amp; INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE, continued</b>		
<b>TYPE OF PERMIT</b>	<b>PERMIT FEE (COMBINED PLAN REVIEW &amp; INSPECTION FEE)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>MEDICAL GAS SYSTEM</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install a nitrous oxide and/or oxygen medical gas system in compliance with NFPA 99.
<b>REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install a refrigeration system regulated by the fire code.
<b>SPRAY BOOTHS, SPRAY ROOMS OR MIXING ROOMS</b>	\$150	To obtain a construction permit to install booths or equipment, or construct rooms used for mixing, spraying, dipping or drying of flammable or combustible liquids.

<b>CONSTRUCTION PERMITS MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES/ INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>TYPE OF CHARGE</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD AGREEMENT</b>	\$ 50 - 30 days \$ 75 - 60 days \$125 – more than 90 days	To obtain a construction permit to install a temporary access road in compliance with fire department standards for a specific time period.
<b>REMOVAL OF STOP WORK ORDER</b>	\$100 For 1st offense; double the previous fee thereafter	To remove a "Stop Work Order" issued by the fire department.
<b>AFTER HOURS INSPECTION/PLAN REVIEW</b>	<b>\$75.00 per /hr</b>	Upon request of a contractor or building owner, the fire department performs an inspection before or after the normal business hours of 08:00 and 16:00, Monday – Friday, or any time on weekends.
<b>ADDITIONAL PLAN REVIEW</b>	\$75	This fee shall be paid for the review of plans when changes are made to plans that have been previously approved.
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PLAN REVIEW/</b>	\$50	This fee is assessed when there is no other applicable fee

<b>INSPECTION FEE</b>		indicated.
<b>EXPEDITED PLAN REVIEW OR INSPECTION</b>	\$100 per/hr 1-hr. min.	Upon request of a contractor or building owner for expedited inspection and/or plan review services performed by fire department.
<b>RE-ISSUE PERMIT CARD</b>	\$50	To re-issue a permit card
<b>CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY</b>	\$100	This fee is assessed in compliance with IFC, Sec 105.3.3 and O.C.G.A. § 25-2-4.1 (Fire Safety Fee's & Charges) for issuance of permit indicating applicable provisions of the fire code have been met <b>NOTE: Request for temporary use permits may be granted provided all fire protection equipment have been tested &amp; approved and subject to additional fee's.</b>
<b>CROWD MANAGER CERTIFICATION</b>	\$100	This fee is assessed in compliance with IFC, Sec. 408.2.3, for assembly occupancies having occupant loads of 100 or more, is required to have a minimum of one trained crowd manager. This fee shall be renewed annually. <b>NOTE:</b> Operational permits for places of assembly shall not be renewed without a designated crowd manager certification.
<b>FIRE SAFETY TRAINING</b>	\$100 Fire extinguisher training	This fee is assessed for businesses requesting employee fire safety & prevention training in accordance with fire code, sections 406.

- (b) Re-inspections Fee: A re-inspection fee of \$200.00 shall be imposed for each additional inspection if a violation(s) stated in the initial written notice has not been corrected.
- (c) Open Records Request Fee: A fee of \$40.00 shall be imposed for each open records inquiry including but not limited to: records of fire code violations, hazardous substance releases, installation or removal of above ground or underground storage tanks containing flammable or combustible liquids.

**Section 2:** The amendments in this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the Mayor's signature.

**Section 3:** Should it be found that any ordinance or parts of any ordinance are in conflict herewith, then those sections contained herein shall be deemed controlling.



## EXHIBIT -(A) EXISTING FEE TABLE

## Section 105.6.47 Fees.

(a)

The fire chief of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department or his designee is authorized to charge fees, on a yearly, one time or location basis for the issuance of permits for certain activities or storing of certain materials that constitute fire hazards for which permits are required by the Fire Prevention Code, and certain activities not requiring a fire permit shall be in accordance with the following schedule of charges.

The minimum fee for inspection and permit issuance for any activity not listed shall be \$36.00.

Permit Classification	Basis of Determining Fee	Minimum Fee	Maximum Fee
Aircraft hanger	\$66.00 per hanger (permit is not required for residential aircraft hangers)	\$66.00	\$132.00
Auto tire rebuilding	\$22.00 per buffing machine	22.00	180.00
Auto wrecking yard	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Junkyard	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Waste material handling	\$132.00	132.00	132.00
Bowling pin refinishing and lane resurfacing	\$42.00	42.00	42.00
Combustible fibers	100—500 cubic feet-\$22.00; 500+ cubic feet- \$13.00 per 1,000 cubic fee (Permit is not required for storage of less than 100 cubic feet.)	22.00	180.00
Compressed gases	Flammable: 200—1,000 cubic feet-\$22.00; 1,000+ cubic feet—\$13.00 per 1000 cubic feet. Nonflammable: 6,000—10,000 cubic feet- \$18.00; 10,000+ cubic feet—\$13.00 per 1,000 cubic feet. (Permit not required for less than 200 cubic feet of flammable gas or 6,000 cubic feet of nonflammable gas.)	22.00 18.00	180.00 180.00
Dry cleaning	Type II: \$35.00 per machine utilizing class II flammable liquids	35.00	180.00
	Type III: \$35.00 per machine utilizing 140 degrees F. liquids	35.00	180.00
	Type IV: \$35.00 per machine utilizing nonflammable liquids	35.00	180.00
Explosive dust operations	\$114.00	114.00	114.00
Explosives/blasting agents	\$90.00	90.00	90.00
Blasting permits	\$90.00 (per location) City wide permit \$156.00	90.00	156.00
Flammable finishes	Dip Tanks—\$42.00 per tank. Spray booths-\$42.00 per booth not exceeding 25 sq.	42.00 42.00	222.00 222.00

	ft.		
	\$66.00 per booth in excess of 25 sq. ft.	66.00	222.00
	Flow coat operations	66.00	66.00
	Electrostatic spraying	66.00	66.00
	Auto undercoating	66.00	66.00
	Power coating	66.00	66.00
	Organic peroxides coating	66.00-	66.00
	Duel component coating	66.00	66.00
Flammable and combustible liquids	Plan review—Tank removal installation A/G and U/G;	66.00	66.00
Flammable and combustible liquids	Tank storage—\$.036 per gallon of flammable liquid or combustible liquid	4.50	\$132.00
	Drum storage	42.00	42.00
	Storage cans	42.00	42.00
	Other forms of combustible/flammable liquid storage	42.00	42.00
Fruit ripening process	\$42.00	42.00	42.00
Fumigation/toxic thermal insecticidal fogging	\$42.00 (per location) City wide permit—\$114.00	42.00	114.00
Garage repair	\$42.00, plus \$22.00 if permit is to include welding operation	42.00	66.00
Hazardous chemicals	Corrosives: 55—110 gallons—\$22.00; 110—500 gallons—\$42.00; 500+ gallons—\$66.00	22.00	66.00
	Oxidizing materials: 500—1,000 pounds—\$42.00 1,000+ pounds- \$66.00	42.00	66.00
	Organic peroxides: 10—50 pounds—\$22.00 50—100 pounds—\$42.00 100+ pounds—\$66.00	22.00	66.00
	Ammonium nitrate (fertilizer): 1,000+ pounds	66.00	66.00
	Highly toxic material and gases	66.00	66.00
	Radioactive materials—\$66.00 for any amount in excess sealed source or more than 1 milli curie radium or other radioactive material in a sealed source, or where license is required.	66.00	66.00
LP gases or LNG	Plan review for installation	66.00	66.00
	Tank storage: \$.036 per gallon of LP or LNG liquid	4.50	132.00
Lumberyards	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Woodworking plants	\$66.00	66.00	66.00
Magnesium	Permit required for 10 pounds per day or greater	42.00	42.00
Oil burner	Permit required for fuel oil burners utilizing in excess of 25 gallons inside the building; 60 gallons outside the building.	42.00	42.00

<b>Ovens</b>	<b>Industrial baking \$22.00 per oven</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>132.00</b>
	<b>Industrial drying \$30.00 per oven</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>222.00</b>
<b>Places of public assembly</b>	<b>Plan review to include: Trade shows, exhibitions, displays, contests, etc. Note: Fees required for each individual set of plans</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>43.00</b>
<b>Places of public assembly</b>	<b>Permit for occupant load—\$42.00, plus \$0.42 per person</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>222.00</b>
<b>Site development</b>	<b>Plan review</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>43.00</b>
<b>Combustible material</b>	<b>2,500—5,000 cubic feet—\$42.00; 5,000+ cubic feet—\$22.00 per 1,000 cubic feet. (Permit not required for less than 2,500 cubic feet of combustible material)</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>114.00</b>
<b>Matches</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>66.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>
	<b>Storage: 25—100 pounds—\$22.00; 100+ pounds—\$42.00</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>
<b>Mechanical refrigeration</b>	<b>Refrigeration unit or system containing more than 20 pounds of refrigerant excluding air conditioning units or systems</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>
<b>Tar kettle</b>	<b>Per location—\$42.00 City wide permit—\$14.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>114.00</b>
<b>Tent/carnival</b>	<b>Per location</b>	<b>66.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>
<b>Welding</b>	<b>\$42.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>
<b>High piled combustible stock</b>	<b>1,500—5,000 sq. ft.—\$42.00 5,000+ sq. ft.—\$22.00 per 1,000 sq. ft. (permit is not required for less than 2,500 sq. ft.)</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>114.00</b>
<b>Organic coating</b>	<b>\$66.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>

(b)

A re-inspection fee of \$36.00 shall be imposed for each re-inspection if a violation stated in the initial written notice has not been corrected.

(c)

A fee of \$40.00 shall be imposed for each open records inquiry including: records of fire code violations, hazardous substance releases, installation or removal of above ground or underground storage tanks containing flammable or combustible liquids.

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Exhibit B

Assumptions		
<b>Public assembly permits</b>		
% at max fee need additional capacity		75%
Current max fee	\$	222
<b>Tank storage permits</b>		
% at max fee need additional capacity		75%
Current max fee	\$	132
<b>Hourly rate for inspection &amp; re-inspection</b>		
# of night observations (2009)	\$	50
Permit processing fee		1,215
# of permits issued (non-exempt)	\$	25
		2,673
<b>Inspection time requirement based on fixed property use</b>		
Business Locations	High-Rise	Non-High-Rise
Dwellings (residential and commercial)	12.0	1.5
Education Facilities	10.0	1.5
Healthcare Facilities		3.0
Manufacturing Facilities	8.0	4.5
Other		4.5
Outside Properties	1.5	1.5
Places of Public Assembly		1.5
Storage/Warehouses	2.0	2.0
Utility Facilities	2.5	2.5
	2.0	2.0
<b>Re-inspection time requirement based on # of violations</b>		
all violations		4.0
% of violations not corrected the 1st time		35%
<b>Current inspection/permit fees:</b>		
Permit processing fee (administrative)	\$	218,021
Increase in permit fees:	\$	66,825
Impose initial inspection fees:	\$	145,056
Impose re-inspection fees:	\$	343,743
	\$	549,080
<b>Total inspection unit revenue:</b>	\$	1,322,725
<b>Total inspections unit budget</b>		
	\$	1,860,778
	\$	(538,053)

### Internal Charges

Average hourly rate	\$	22.56
Total hourly expense including benefits	\$	35.95
Benefits		59.33%

Budget Related Items	\$	78,549
Technology fees	\$	30,000
Overhead*	\$	248,762
Total external cost	\$	357,311
Per inspector	\$	18,806
# of work days		252
Per work day	\$	74.63
Per hour	\$	9.33

**\*including training, admin support, captain overseeing the division**

# Fire inspections unit operates with a \$1.9M annual budget

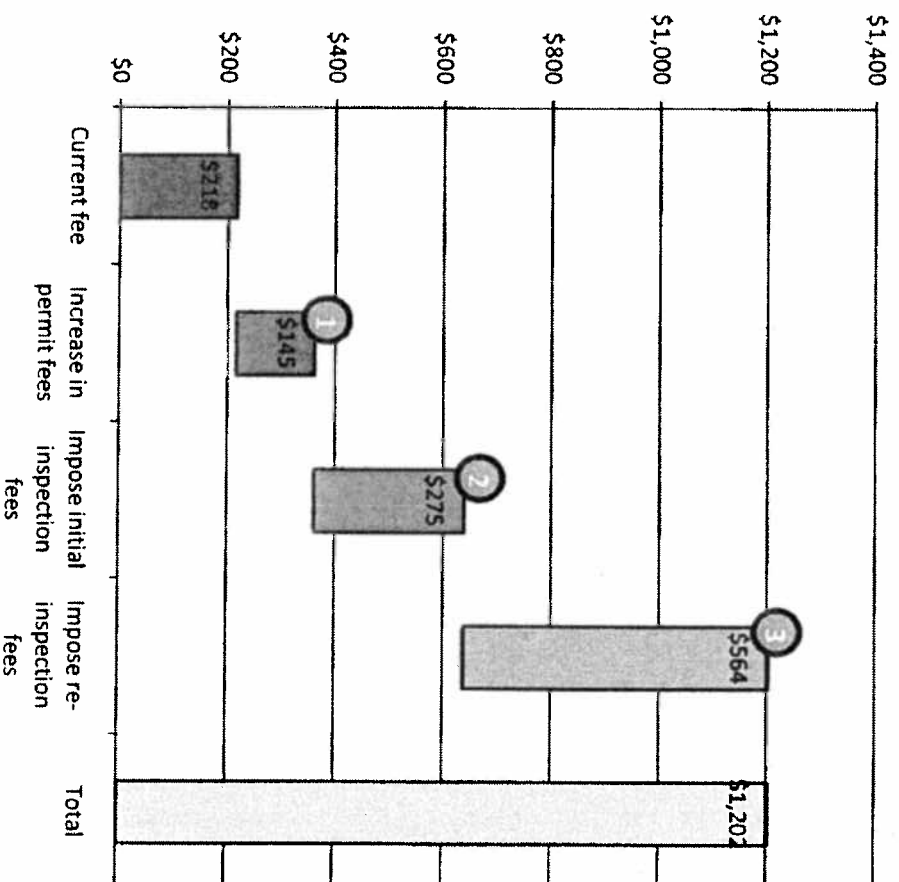
Personnel/Training			
#	Item	Unit cost	Amount
1	Captain (Sworn)	\$ 112,496	\$ 112,496
10	Lieutenants (Sworn)	\$ 97,447	\$ 974,473
9	Spezialists-Fire Inspectors(Civilian)	\$ 62,110	\$ 558,994
2	Admin Assistant (Civilian)	\$ 62,533	\$ 125,066
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8	NFPA Inspector I Test	\$ 350	\$ 2,800
8	Renewal Fee	\$ 150	\$ 1,200
8	Recertification Fees	\$ 150	\$ 1,200
12	State Fire Inspector training	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
<b>Total Personnel/Training</b>			<b>\$ 1,782,229</b>

Operations		
Budget code	Description	Amount
5212001	Consultant	\$ 4,320
5234001	Printing & Binding	\$ 3,200
5237002	Training Registration	\$ 1,100
5311001	Consumable	\$ 2,081
5311002	Non-consumable	\$ 2,180
5316005	Computer (\$1,000-4,999)	\$ 17,906
5317003	Supplies, Small Parts	\$ 500
5510001	Motor Equip.	\$ 20,270
5510002	PM/Repairs	\$ 26,992
<b>Total Operations</b>		<b>\$ 78,549</b>

**Total budget \$ 1,860,778**

# Three changes to the fire inspection fee structure will generate an additional \$1M

Fire Inspection Unit fees by type (\$K)



## Current practice

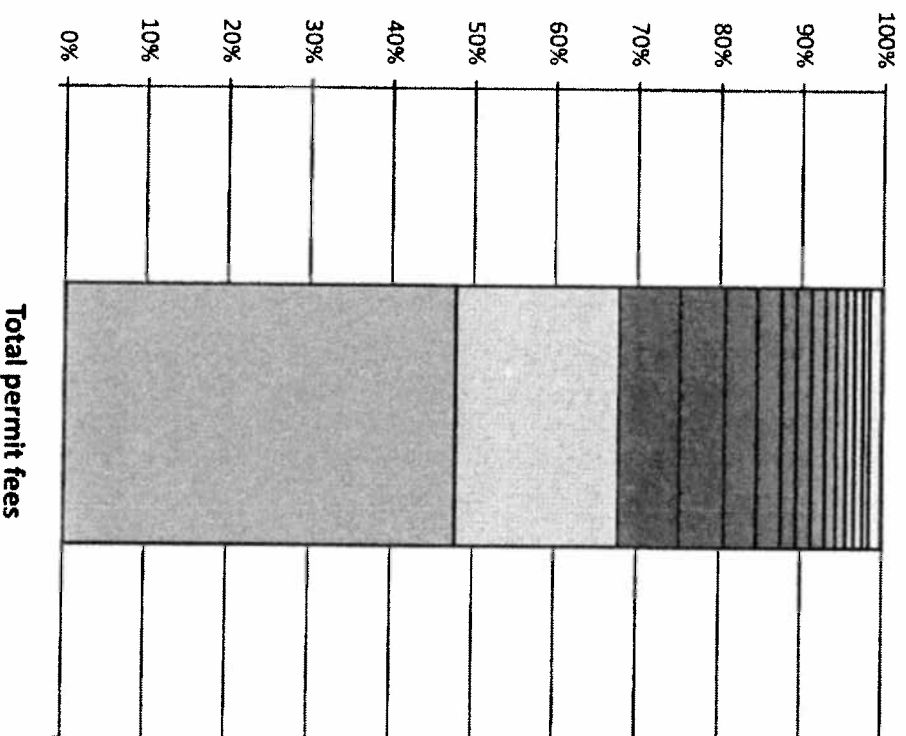
- Fire Inspection Unit conducts inspections prior to issuing Fire Safety Permits
- Inspections Unit only charges for permit issuance, not for initial inspections or re-inspections
- Inspections Unit issued 2937 permits and charged for \$218K in 2009

## Proposed changes to permit/inspection fee structure

- Remove maximum fee cap and charge per unit (i.e. tank or ~~event~~ public assembly area) for two permit types with highest revenue (\$145K)
- Impose initial inspection fee for all permit inspections (\$275K)
- Impose re-inspection fee based on number of violations identified at initial inspection (\$564K)

# 1 Of the \$220K permit fees charged in 2009, *Public Assembly & Tank Storage* permits accounted for ~70%

Fire Safety Permit fees by type of permit (\$K, 2009)



Note: Permit type generating less than \$1000 total in 2009 not included in chart  
Source: 2009 Permit Record

- Other (\$3.5K)
- DRY CLEANING (\$1.5K)
- COMPRESSED GASES/NON-FLAMMABLE (\$2.3K)
- INDUSTRIAL BAKING OVEN (\$2.3K)
- LP GASES OR LNG (\$2.6K)
- FLAMMABLE LIQUID - SAFETY CANS (\$3.1K)
- FLAM. FINISHES SPRAY BOOTHS (\$3.6K)
- HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS-CORROSIVES (\$3.8K)
- HIGH PILED COMBUSTIBLE STOCK (\$4.1K)
- COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS (\$6.7K)
- FLAMMABLE LIQUID-MISCELLANEOUS (\$8.6K)
- FLAMMABLE LIQUID - DRUM STORAGE (\$11.9K)
- COMPRESSED GASES FLAMMABLE (\$15.9K)
- FLAMMABLE LIQUID - TANK STORAGE (\$43.6K)
- PLACE OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (\$104.5K)



① Removing maximum fee and charge per unit for *Public Assembly & Tank Storage* permits increase permit fee by \$165K

PLACE OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY	
# of permits at capacity	100
% over capacity	75%
# of permits qualified for new fee	75
current max fee	\$ 222
incremental fee per unit	\$ 181
<b>total incremental revenue</b>	<b>\$ 13,611</b>

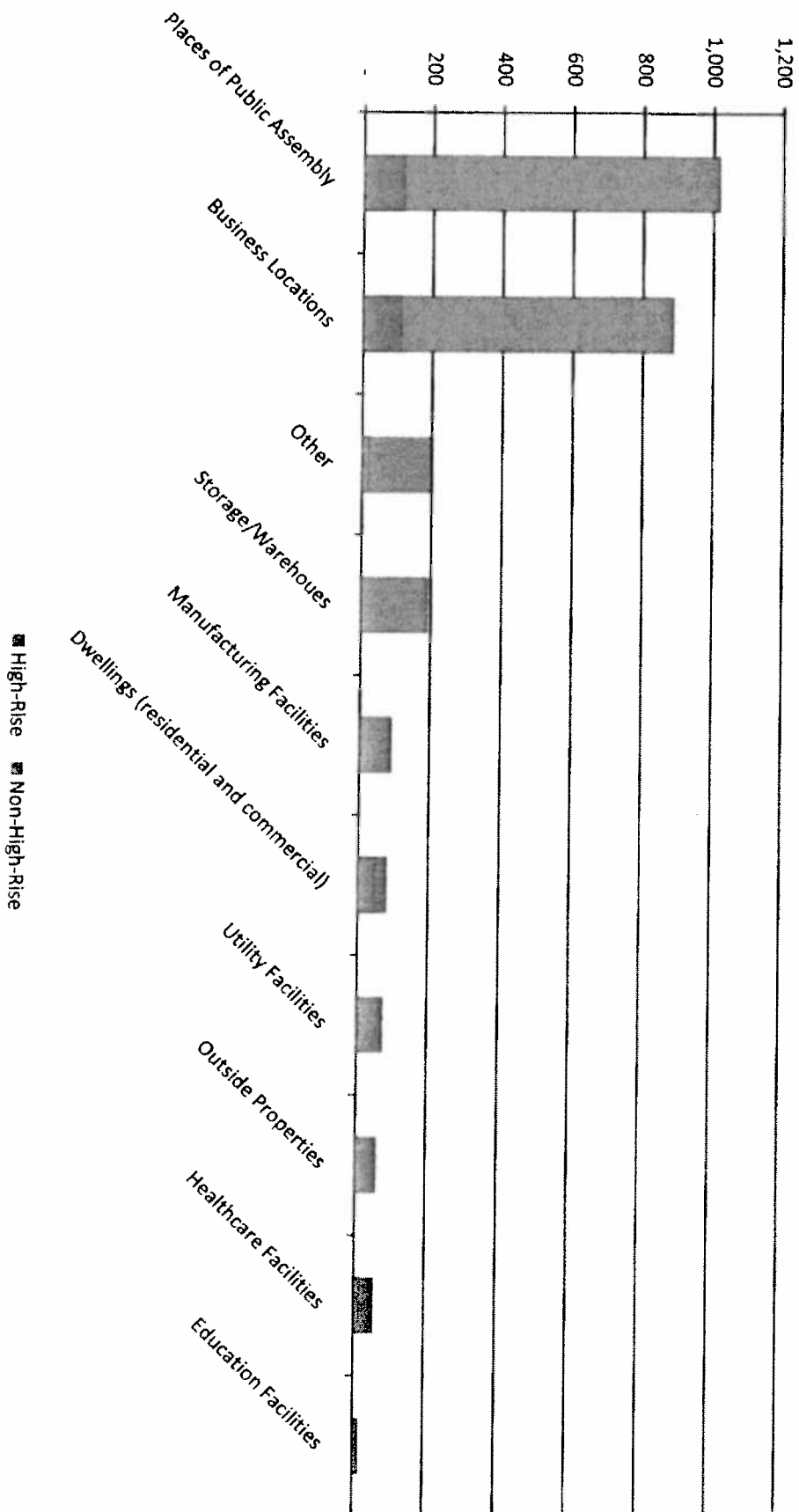
FLAMMABLE LIQUID - TANK STORAGE	
# of permits at capacity	269
% over capacity	75%
# of permits qualified for new fee	202
current max fee	\$ 132
incremental fee per unit	\$ 652
<b>total incremental revenue</b>	<b>\$ 131,445</b>
<b>Total permit fee increase</b>	
<b>\$145,056</b>	

Note: Assumed only 75% of current permits at max fee would need additional capacity; incremental fee per unit estimated with a sample of permit records  
Source: 2009 Permit Record



# Inspections unit conducted 2,673 non-exempt initial inspections in 2009

# of initial inspections by Fixed Property Use (K, 2009)



Source: 2009 Inspections Record

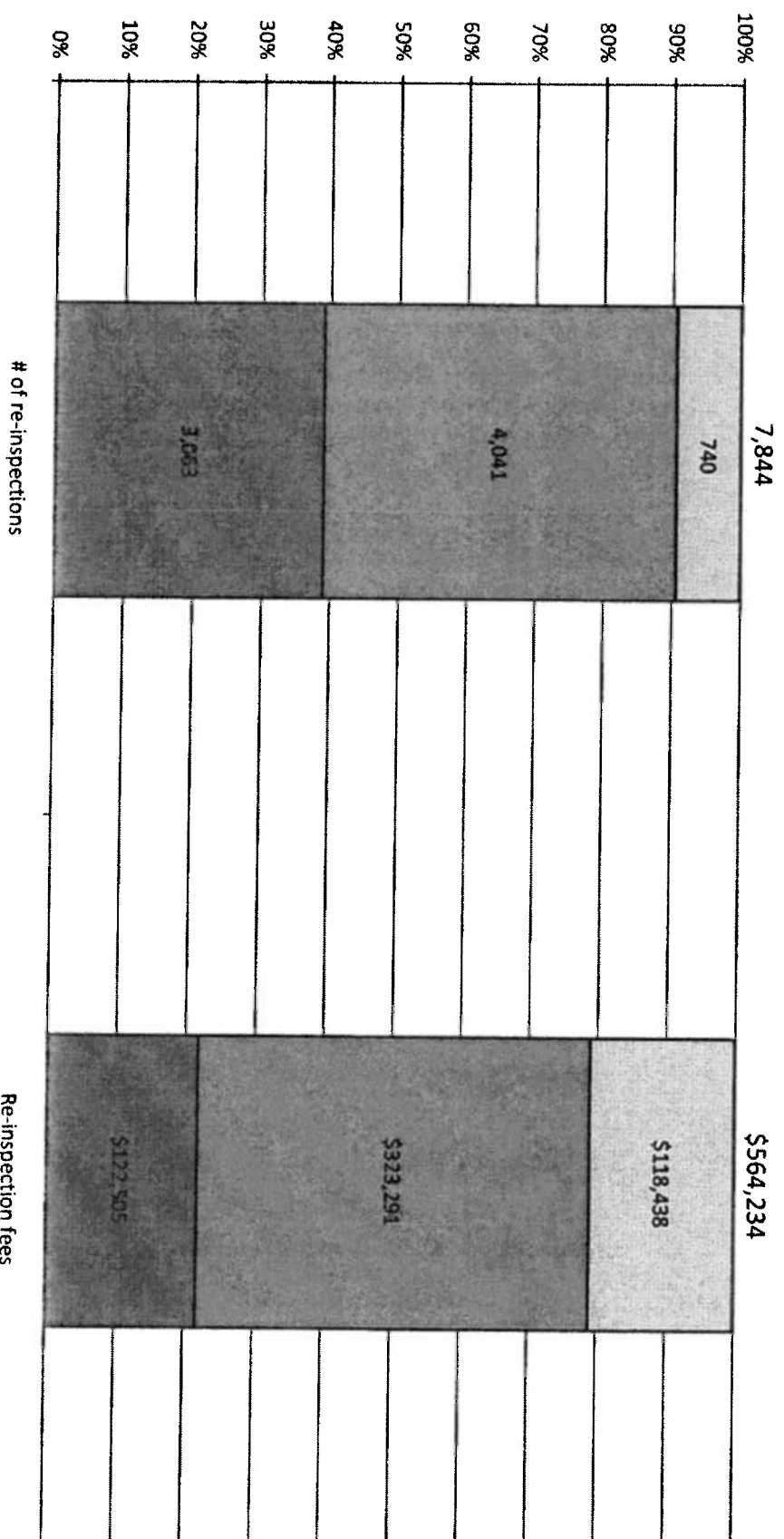


## Imposing initial inspection fee based on Fixed Property Use generates \$275K

<u>Inspection fee schedule by fixed property use</u>		High-Rise		Non-High-Rise	
Business Locations	\$	480	\$	60	
Dwellings (residential and commercial)	\$	400	\$	60	
Education Facilities	\$	-	\$	120	
Healthcare Facilities	\$	320	\$	180	
Manufacturing Facilities	\$	-	\$	180	
Other	\$	60	\$	60	
Outside Properties	\$	-	\$	60	
Places of Public Assembly	\$	80	\$	80	
Storage/Warehouses	\$	100	\$	100	
Utility Facilities	\$	80	\$	80	

# Imposing re-inspection fees based on count of violations generates \$582-564K

Re-inspection and proposed fees by # of violations per re-inspection



Note: Does not include inspections at the airport or evening safety observations  
 Source: 2009 Inspections Record

## Re-inspection fee schedule

# of violations	# of re-inspections in 2009	Re-inspection fee
1 violation	3,063	\$40
1 to 5 violations	4,041	\$80
more than 5 violations	740	\$160

# Charging \$71 per hour for inspections closes the gap between budget and revenue anticipation

	Hourly rate = \$40	Hourly rate = \$50	Hourly rate = \$60	Hourly rate = \$71
<b>Current fees:</b>	\$218,021	\$218,021	\$218,021	\$218,021
<b>Increase in permit fees:</b>	\$145,056	\$145,056	\$145,056	\$145,056
<b>Impose initial inspection fees:</b>	\$ 74,994	\$343,743	\$412,491	\$490,177
<b>Impose re-inspection fees:</b>	\$ 564,234	\$705,293	\$846,351	\$1,005,748
<b>Total anticipated revenue:</b>	<b>\$ 1,202,305</b>	<b>\$1,412,112</b>	<b>\$1,621,919</b>	<b>\$1,859,002</b>

<u>Total budget</u>	<b>\$ 1,860,778</b>
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# Appendix: hourly rate calculation

## Internal and External Overhead Charges

### Internal Charges

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Mid-range</u>
Fire Lieutenant	10	\$22.75
Fire Inspector's (Civilian)	9	\$22.35
Total	19	<b>\$45.10</b>

Average hourly rate     $45.10/2 = 22.55$

Total hourly expense including benefits -  $22.55 \times (1+59.33\%) = 35.93$

### External Charges

Budget Related Items Total -             $78549(\text{Budget Items})/19 \text{ (Inspectors)} = 4134.16$   
                                                                                   $4134.16/252 \text{ (Days/per year)} = 16.40$   
                                                                                   $16.40/8 \text{ (hourly)} = 2.05$

Grand Total =  $35.93 + 2.05 = 37.98$  or **\$38 per hour**



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<b>FIRE FEE SUMMARY</b> (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010)		
Application, Permit or Service Type		FEE AMOUNT
<b>Variance</b>		
Administrative Variance Application		\$100
<b>Revision</b>		
Fire Permit Plan Revision		\$50
<b>Certificates</b>		
Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.)	Tenant Buildings	\$100
	Tenant Interior Space Alterations	
	Tenant Change	
Certificate of Completion (C.C.)	Shell Building	\$50
	Spec Space	
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (T.C.O.)		\$50
<b>Burn Permit</b>		
Burn Permit		\$500
<b>Site</b>		
Site Plan Review		\$100
<b>Shell Fire Permit</b>		
Shell Building (Sprinklered)	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$200
	10,001 - 30,000 sq. ft.	\$300
	30,001 - 100,000 sq. ft.	\$0.015 per square foot
	Greater than 100,000 sq. ft.	\$0.020 per square foot
Shell Building (NonSprinklered)	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$300
	10,001 - 30,000 sq. ft.	\$450
	30,001 - 100,000 sq. ft.	\$0.023 per square foot
	Greater than 100,000 sq. ft.	\$0.030 per square foot
<b>Interior Finish Fire Permit</b>		
Assembly Occupancy (Sprinklered Building)	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$200
	Greater than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$250
Assembly Occupancy (NonSprinklered Building)	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$300
	Greater than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$375
Business, Mercantile, DayCare & Educational Occupancy (Sprinklered Building)	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$200
	10,001 - 25,000 sq. ft.	\$250
	25,001 - 50,000 sq. ft.	\$300
	Greater than 50,000 sq. ft.	\$400
Business, Mercantile, DayCare & Educational Occupancy (NonSprinklered Building)	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$300
	10,001 - 25,000 sq. ft.	\$375
	25,001 - 50,000 sq. ft.	\$450
	Greater than 50,000 sq. ft.	\$600





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<b>Interior Finish Fire Permit (continued)</b>		
<b>Industrial and Storage Occupancy</b> (Sprinklered Building)	Up to 30,000 square feet (floor area)	\$200
	30,001 - 50,000 sq. ft.	\$300
	50,001 - 100,000 sq. ft.	\$350
	Greater than 100,000 sq. ft.	\$400
<b>Industrial and Storage Occupancy</b> (NonSprinklered Building)	Up to 30,000 square feet (floor area)	\$300
	30,001 - 50,000 sq. ft.	\$450
	50,001 - 100,000 sq. ft.	\$525
	Greater than 100,000 sq. ft.	\$600
<b>Residential Occupancy including Hotel, Lodging/Rooming Houses, Multifamily, Group Homes, Personal Care Homes</b> (Sprinklered Building)	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$200
	10,001 - 25,000 sq. ft.	\$250
	Greater than 25,000 sq. ft.	\$300
<b>Residential Occupancy including Hotel, Lodging/Rooming Houses, Multifamily, Group Homes, Personal Care Homes</b> (NonSprinklered Building)	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$300
	10,001 - 25,000 sq. ft.	\$375
	Greater than 25,000 sq. ft.	\$450
<b>Supplemental Fire Permit</b>		
<b>NonHigh-Rise, Multi-Storied Buildings - All Occupancies</b>	Sprinklered Building	\$32.00 per floor level
	NonSprinklered Building	\$48.00 per floor level
<b>High-Rise Buildings - All Occupancies</b>		\$1,280
<b>Specialty Fire Permit</b>		
<b>Hazardous Materials-quantities over the exempt amounts</b>		\$64.00
<b>Commercial Kitchen Hood/Duct</b>		\$100.00 per hood
<b>Specialized Fire Extinguishing Systems including FM-200, Intergen, Halon, Carbon Dioxide, Dry Chemical, Water-Foam, and Water-Mist</b>	0 - 10 Devices	\$128
	11 - 25 Devices	\$256
	26 - 50 Devices	\$384
	More than 50 Devices	\$512



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<b>Application, Permit or Service Type</b>		<b>FEE AMOUNT</b>
<b>Specialty Fire Permit (continued)</b>		
<b>New Fire Sprinkler System</b>	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$128
	10,001 - 30,000 sq. ft.	\$224
	30,001 - 75,000 sq. ft.	\$288
	75,001 - 125,000 sq. ft.	\$416
	125,001 - 200,000 sq. ft.	\$576
	Greater than 200,000 sq. ft.	\$768
<b>Modifications to Existing Fire Sprinkler System for Tenant Alterations/Additions</b>	0 - 20 Sprinkler Heads	\$64
	21 - 50 Sprinkler Heads	\$128
	51 - 100 Sprinkler Heads	\$192
	More than 100 Sprinkler Heads	\$256
<b>Fire Standpipe System</b>	Up to 4 Outlets	\$64
	Each Additional Group of 1-4 Outlets	\$32
<b>New Fire Alarm and Detection System</b>	Up to 10,000 square feet (floor area)	\$128
	10,001 - 30,000 sq. ft.	\$224
	30,001 - 75,000 sq. ft.	\$288
	75,001 - 125,000 sq. ft.	\$416
	125,001 - 200,000 sq. ft.	\$576
	Greater than 200,000 sq. ft.	\$768
<b>Modifications to Existing Fire Alarm and Detection System for Tenant Alterations/Additions</b>	0 - 20 Devices	\$64
	21 - 50 Devices	\$128
	51 - 100 Devices	\$192
	More than 100 Devices	\$256
<b>Fire Sprinkler Pump</b>		\$64
<b>Fireworks/Pyrotechnics</b>		\$250 per event
<b>Tents and Temporary Structures</b>		\$50
<b>Storage Racks</b>	Up to 500 square feet (floor area)	\$0
	501 - 12,000 sq. ft.	\$100
	12,001 - 20,000 sq. ft.	\$150
	20,001 - 500,000 sq. ft.	\$200
	Greater than 500,000 sq. ft.	\$300
<b>Storage Racks with In-Rack Sprinklers</b>	0 - 20 Sprinkler Heads	\$64
	21 - 50 Sprinkler Heads	\$128
	51 - 100 Sprinkler Heads	\$192
	More than 100 Sprinkler Heads	\$256

**Part II: Legislative White Paper:** (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

**A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:**

**Committee of Purview:** Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee

**Caption:**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE III, SECTION 78-57, SUBSECTION (b), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING EXISTING FIRE INSPECTION FEES, FIRE PLAN REVIEW FEES AND FIRE PERMIT FEES, ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED FIRE INSPECTION FEES, FIRE PLAN REVIEW FEES AND FIRE PERMIT FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Council Meeting Date:** April 27, 2010

**Requesting Dept.:** The Department of Fire Rescue

**FAC Confirmed by:**

**B. To be completed by the department:**

**1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).**

***Example: The purpose of this legislation is to anticipate funds from a local assistance grant to purchase child safety seats.***

The purpose of this legislation is to increase its existing fees for fire inspections, fire plan reviews, and fire permits.

**2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.**

***Example: The task force of homelessness conducted a study regarding homelessness, its impact and consequences on the City. This resolution reflects the Mayor's desire to open a twenty-four hour center that will respond to the needs of the homelessness in Atlanta.***

The department of Fire Rescue is requesting to amend Chapter 78, Article III Section 78-57, subsection (b) of the Code of Ordinances by increasing existing fees for fire inspections, fire permits, and fire plans review. The existing fees have not been modified in over 15 years and this legislation allows the City to align with existing cost for services.

**3. If Applicable/Known:**

**(a) Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):** NA

**(b) Source Selection:** NA

(c) Bids/Proposals Due: NA

(d) Invitations Issued: NA

(e) Number of Bids: NA

(f) Proposals Received: NA

(g) Bidders/Proponents: NA

(h) Term of Contract: NA

4. Fund Account Center (*Ex. Name and number*): NA

Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Account: \_\_\_\_\_ Center: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Source of Funds: *Example: Local Assistance Grant* NA

6. Fiscal Impact: Shall increase and establish fees related to fire inspections, fire plan reviews, and fire permits.

*Example: This legislation will result in a reduction in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to Fund Account Center Number \_\_\_\_\_.*

7. Method of Cost Recovery:

Revenues generated from the collected fees under this legislation will be used to support the General Fund.

This Legislative Request Form Was Prepared By: Wilmond Meadows

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: CANDACE BYRD

Legislative Counsel: s/Kristi D.A. Matthews

Contact Number: 404-330-6493

Originating Department: Department of Law

Committee(s) of Purview: Public Safety and Legal Administration

Council Deadline: April 13, 2010

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): April 27 and May 11, 2010

Anticipated Full Council Date: May 17, 2010

Commissioner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Procurement Officer Signature N/A

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any)**

Shall increase and establish fees related to fire inspection, fire plan review, and fire permits.

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by CPO: \_\_\_\_\_ (date) Received by LC from CPO: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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